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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Utility Patent Application: Mr. David PUTALLAZ

Application Number: 10/081,986 Art Unit 2875

In Re: Office Action from Examiner Sharon Payne dated February 28, 2003

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME, REPLY AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the office action of February 28, 2003 please amend the above-identified application as indicated in Sections 1 and 2 below, and consider the remarks in Section 3 below. Also, please find attached forms SB 22 (petition for extension of time), SB 81 (authorization of agent), and form 2038 (credit card payment of fees).

Please note that the Applicant accepts the claims 1 and 3-5 as amended by the Examiner in the above-referenced Office Action, except as noted in the amendments to the claims. The only amendment of significance is to Claim 1. Within said claim, Applicant has removed reference to the 'integral spacer' as requested by the Examiner.

The claims are presented as amendments to the Examiner's amended claims, except for Claim 2, which was not amended by the Examiner. Claim 2 is amended from the original.